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Letter dated 5 December 2007 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

In accordance with instructions received from my Government, I have the honour to refer to the note verbale dated 16 October 2007 from the Permanent Mission of Argentina to the United Nations, addressed to you (A/62/494), requesting the circulation of a note that was transmitted by the Embassy of the Argentine Republic in the United Kingdom to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

The United Kingdom's position on this issue is well known. The Government of the United Kingdom has no doubts about the sovereignty of the United Kingdom over the Falkland Islands, South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands and their surrounding maritime areas, and rejects the claim by the Government of Argentina to sovereignty over those islands and areas and that the Falkland Islands are under illegal occupation by the United Kingdom.

I should be grateful if you would circulate the text of the present letter as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 24.

(*Signed*) John **Sawers**

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